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MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESPONDS TO WASTE SPILL

Milwaukee – Milwaukee County Parks Director Sue Black announced the details of an accident that occurred on Highway 45 late Tuesday morning involving staff that was transporting waste from the Milwaukee County Zoo to a landfill site in Franklin. After removing waste material and water from the moat area around the monkey island, the driver of the vehicle hauling the material stated that the latches to secure the door came loose as he entered the freeway and the door opened, spilling approximately 2,000 gallons. There were no accidents as a result of the spill.

The Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee County's Emergency Management, Environmental Services, and Sheriff's Department as well as the State's Department of Natural Resources responded to the scene to assist with clean up. Milwaukee County Highway sweepers were used to rid the freeway of the majority of the waste and then the Fire Department flushed the rest with a hose. A 1% bleach solution was used to disinfect the roadway and officials overseeing the clean up have determined that there are no health risks to the public.

For more information clean up of the spill on Highway 45, please contact Sue Black at (414) 257-4501. □

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